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(54) Improved rigid smoke suppressed polyvinyl chloride compounds.

(57) Improved PVC compounds formulated for exhibiting low smoke generation and having high processing stability and impact resistance comprising polyvinyl chloride, an effective amount of at least one smoke suppressant selected from the group consisting of molybdenum, iron, copper, zinc, vanadium, lithium, sodium, potassium, magnesium, calcium, barium, zirconium, manganese, phosphorous, aluminum, chromium, boron, tin and titanium based smoke suppressants, including mixtures, and a lubricant system comprising an ester of a long chain carboxylic acid, a chemically modified paraffin wax, and alkyl ester of an alkyl polyol, and optionally a C₈ to C₃₀ substituted or unsubstituted carboxylic acid and a hydrocarbon wax. The compounds disclosed exhibit an improved combination of properties for a rigid compound exhibiting a heat distortion temperature of at least 60 °C, including dynamic thermal stability, impact strength and reduced smoke density in both the flaming and non-flaming mode per NFPA 258. Preferably, an impact modifier system is included and is selected from the group consisting of an acrylic polymeric impact modifier, an MBS impact modifier, and an ABS impact modifier. A pri-

mary stabilizer is included and a preferred stabilizer system comprises a tin compound and a co-stabilizer selected from epoxidized materials. The compounds are useful substitutes for engineering thermoplastics in large and/or intricate shaped articles including shower stalls, wall panels, tub enclosures, refrigerator panels, appliance housings, electrical housings, sporting equipment, plumbing ware, automotive components, business machine components and housings.



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1. Claims 1-33,39 : Smoke suppressed PVC-composition, characterised by certain metal(-compounds) as smoke suppressants.
2. Claims 34-38 : A process for improving the properties of a smoke suppressed PVC-composition not containing metals.
3. Claims 40-48 : Improving the mechanical properties of a smoke-suppressed PVC-composition by limiting the particle-size of a Mo-smoke-suppressant.